

Docket No. 49458 CPA (71987)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Chen et al.  
U.S.S.N.: 09/454,316 GROUP: 1754  
FILED: Decemrber 3, 1999 EXAMINER: E. Johnson  
FOR: CATALYST FOR OXACYLATION AND USE OF SAME

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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 10, 2003. Enclosed is the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of the Amendment filed October 6, 2003 in which cancelled claims 23-40 were inadvertently omitted and new claims were numbered starting from claim 23. The attached Amendments to the claims section properly lists claims 1-40 as cancelled and presents new claims starting from claim 41.

Applicants believe that the prior response was a *bona fide* attempt to reply to the office action.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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